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BIAS BAY AGAIN.

Another British Steamer Pirated.

BOARDED AT SWATOW.

Foreign Passengers Arrive Here Safely.

The latest victim of the Bias Bay pirates is the Indo-China Navigation steamer "Yatshing"—the first British vessel to be pirated since the British Navy's raid on Bias Bay, following the piracy of the "Hopsang."

The piracy occurred on Tuesday morning two hours out of Swatow as the steamer was on its way to Shanghai from Hong Kong, the pirates boarding as passengers at Swatow.

It remains now to be seen whether the threat issued by the British authorities in the form of pamphlets on the occasion of the last raid, that similar measures would be taken again in the event of the piracy of a British ship, will put into execution.

The "Yatshing" left Hong Kong on Sunday with three European and five Chinese passengers. The Europeans were Mr. and Mrs. Brown (of the Naval Yard) and Mr. Meikle (an officer of the Indo-China S. N. Company). All are now safe in Hong Kong. Arriving at Swatow on Monday, additional cargo of 1,000 tons and 150 Chinese deck passengers, also a Japanese lady and two children, were taken on board.

Officers Surprised.

The capture of the ship took place in broad daylight—at 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning, shortly after the "Yatshing" had left Swatow. The 2nd officer, who was on the bridge at the time, was surrounded by eight armed men. Others of the gang (which numbered about twenty) surprised the remainder of the officers in various parts of the ship and marshalled them in the saloon where an armed guard was posted.

The 2nd Officer was forced to turn the ship round and steer for Chilang Point, Bias Bay, his instructions—given through the medium of the quartermaster who was forced to act as the pirates' interpreter—being that no signals must be exchanged with passing ships on pain of death and that were signals made regarding the "Yatshing's" change in course, the reply was to be that the vessel was returning to Hong Kong, having developed boiler trouble.

Several ships passed a considerable distance away whilst the "Yatshing" was on the way to Bias Bay but no signals were exchanged. The master had been made to join the 2nd Officer on the bridge and the two were allowed to sleep on the bridge on camp beds during Tuesday night as the ship lay at anchor off Hong Kai Bay.

Passing Steamers.

The two officers were awakened at 4 a.m. yesterday by the pirates pointing out that several vessels were approaching. The officers saw that the ships were not coming in their direction and assured the pirates that they would not pass close to them.

Shortly after 5.30 a.m. the anchor was taken up and the steamer moved to about a quarter of a mile from Sam Chau inlet. The pirates' boat, consisting of over \$1,000 taken from the comprador and valuables from the Chinese passengers amounting to several thousands of dollars was taken off in the ships' lifeboats, together with a large quantity of provision from the steward's stores.

Eight Chinese deck passengers were kidnapped, the master of the "Yatshing" also being made to accompany the pirates and their prisoners ashore but being allowed the return.

The "Yatshing" left Bias Bay at 11 a.m. yesterday and arrived in Hong Kong at 6 p.m.

The "Yatshing" is a steel screw steamer of 2,284 tons gross and carries six European officers and a Chinese crew of eighty.

Her officers are:

Captain: Mr. G. H. Hodgson.

First Officer: Mr. J. R. Midden.

Second Officer: Mr. C. Harris.

Chief Engineer: Mr. A. Livingstone.

Second Engineer: Mr. A. Glass.

Third Engineer: Mr. E. Grabiner.

COLONY'S CRIME.

Report of Captain Supt. of Police.

INCREASE IN OFFENCES.

Twenty-Seven Murders Committed During 1926.

The report of the Captain Superintendent of Police for 1926 submitted, at first sight, a very large increase in crime. In some branches, however, there was a distinct decrease.

The total number of cases reported to the Police during the year 1926 was 20,048 as against 16,783 in 1925 being an increase of 3,265 or 19.4 per cent. The average for the last five years is 16,508. There were 4,370 serious cases in 1926 as against 3,771 serious cases in 1925, an increase of 599 cases or 15.4 per cent. There were 15,678 minor cases in 1926 as against 13,012 in 1925 an increase of 2,666 or 20.4 per cent.

The following table shows the serious offences for 1925 and 1926:

	1926	1925
Burglary	53	58
House and Godown		
Breaking	71	75
Larceny	2,155	2,066
In Dwelling		
House	504	498
Larceny on Ships and Wharf	99	140
Manslaughter	8	3
Murder	27	23
Attempted Murder	2	10
Robbery and Assault with intent to Rob	121	170
Other serious Offences not classified above	673	728

3,713 3,771 Four charges of manslaughter were not proceeded with. At subsequent inquests verdicts of accidental death were returned.

Other serious offences not specially classified above are as follows:

	1926	1925
Part Cutting and Wounding	5	24
Part Demanding money with Menaces	10	15
Part Forgery	19	17
Part Indecent Assault	5	1
Part Arson and Attempted Arson	1	5
Part Rape or Attempted Rape	1	4
Part Aiding and Abetting to Rape	0	1
Part Possession and Uttering Forged Banknotes	16	11
Part Falsification of Accounts	0	1
Part Conspiracy	10	2
Part Aiding and Abetting to Rob	2	1
Part Aiding and Abetting to Murder	1	0
Part Child Stealing	0	1
Part Perjury	3	1
Part Wounding and Causing Bodily Harm	15	13
Part Piracy	2	3
Part Bribery	25	0
Part Shooting with Intent	6	0
Part Explosive, possession of	2	0
Part Poison, possession of	1	0
Part Administering Poison	1	0
Part Attempted to fraud	5	0
Part Possession of Offensive Weapons	13	0
Part Unlawful Society	2	0
Part Taking Designation of Police	0	0
Part Falsey	2	0
Part Immigrancy by Force	1	0
Part Sedition, Documents	3	20
Part Bombs, possession of	2	0
Part Bombs, Outrage	1	5
Part Border Outrage	0	30

Four cases of manslaughter against licensed motor-drivers were withdrawn by Police after a Coroner's Jury had brought in a verdict of "Accidental Death."

Crime connected with political affairs showed a big decrease.

Agitators appeared to have found Hong Kong an unremunerative field for their activities.

A large number of Chinese who obeyed the strike and boycott call of June 1925 drifted back to Hong Kong during 1926. Consequently unemployment was partly responsible for the increase in crime over 1925 figures. Another factor in

CANADA BOUND.

Britons' Trans-Atlantic Flight.

A LADY PASSENGER.

Plane Seen Flying Strongly Over Ireland.

London, Yesterday. The British airmen, Colonel Minchin and Captain Leslie Hamilton, accompanied by Princess Loewenstein Wertheim, left Upavon in Wiltshire at half past seven this morning in a Fokker monoplane, "Saint Raphael" on an attempt to fly across the Atlantic to Ottawa. At ten minutes past twelve this afternoon they passed over Inverin, County Galway, on the west coast of Ireland, flying at a height of 900 feet. The weather off the Irish coast was foggy at the time. East to west the flight across the Atlantic has not yet been accomplished, and weather conditions obviously render it more difficult and hazardous than going from west to east.

Princess Loewenstein Wertheim is the first woman to attempt to fly the Atlantic. She is an Englishwoman by birth, being the daughter of the fourth Earl of McElroy, her maiden name being Lady Anne Savale. She married in 1897, the German Prince Loewenstein Wertheim, who was killed after two years fighting for the Standards against the Americans in the Philippines. In 1918 she became a British subject again. The Princess is an intrepid airwoman. She learned to fly before the war and has had many adventures in the air. In 1923 she entered a machine in the race for the King's Cup and herself accompanied the pilot in a circular air tour of Britain.

The Airmen. Colonel Minchin, who is an Imperial Airways pilot, has several notable achievements to his credit. A little over a year ago he made a flight from London to Egypt in three days. Captain Leslie Hamilton is known as the "sky taximan" and "aerial gipsy." He has had many thrilling experiences. He returned to England last April after having flown 17,000 miles in three months in various parts of Europe. During his career he has flown over 3,000 hours and covered a quarter of a million miles.

Before the departure from Upavon the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, assisted by priests standing under the golden wings of the aeroplane, conducted a short religious service. The Princess is a Roman Catholic. Afterwards the Archbishop gave his blessing to the hazardous journey and sprinkled the aeroplane with holy water. The Princess, just before taking her seat, knelt before the Archbishop, kissed his episcopal ring and received the final benediction.

London, Yesterday. The Fokker monoplane "Strafan" piloted by Colonel F. F. Minchin, and accompanied by Capt. Leslie Hamilton and Princess Loewenstein Wertheim, left Upavon Aerodrome this morning for Ottawa. Princess Loewenstein Wertheim is the first woman to participate in an Atlantic flight.

She arrived at London at dawn in a motor-car accompanied by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff and two priests who blessed the aeroplane before the start.

They also blessed the Princess. The latter was dressed in a purple leather flying suit and wore silk stockings and high-heeled fur-lined boots. Her luggage consisted of two attaché cases and a hat box.

The machine carries 800 gallons of petrol and two days' food supplies of emergency rations.

Mr. Levine's Intentions.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Charles Levine has announced that if Minchin succeeds in crossing the Atlantic, he will alter his plans and attempt to break the long-distance endurance record by flying eastward.

THE WORLD FLIGHT.

At Constantinople.

Constantinople, Yesterday.

The "Pride of Detroit" has arrived.

Hundreds of spectators in Galway

cheered Minchin's departure

from Europe on his passing Aran Islands towards the Atlantic.

Held Up.

The airmen are losing a day on

schedule owing to the authorities forbidding the immediate resumption of the flight pending the completion of formalities. They hope to resume to-morrow.

Reuter.

The increase was the resumption

of communications in October,

which gave increased facilities

for the ingress and egress of

criminals domiciled in Chinese

territory.

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HEAVY FIGHTING.

Northerners Again Cross the Yangtze.

SOUTHERN REINFORCEMENTS.

30,000 Northerners At Mouth Of Grand Canal.

Hankow, Yesterday. Troop movements down river continues.—British Naval Wireless.

A Demonstration.

Wuhu, Yesterday. General Hsia Tau-yin held an anti-Communist and anti-Northerner demonstration yesterday.

A battery of small guns is reported to have been placed on Wuhu Rock beacon.—British Naval Wireless.

Another Crossing.

Nanking, Yesterday. The Northerners have apparently crossed and hold the south

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Cross-Word Puzzle Competition Result.

The result of the "China Mail's" seventeenth and final \$50 Cross-Word Puzzle (Second Series) will be found on page 6 of this issue. This week there are three winners with correct solutions.

bank of the river from Wulungshan to Morrison Point, whilst they have cut the railway.

Battle at Lungtan.

Chinkiang, Yesterday. Small numbers of Southern troops are still in the city.

The Northerners are reported to have 30,000 troops at the mouth of the Grand Canal, ready to cross to the south bank.

There has been some heavy fighting at Lungtan. The Southerners are mounting field guns at Pao-kuan-shan and also on the city wall.

Reinforcements have been sent to Lungtan by rail.—British Naval Wireless.

Warning to Shipping.

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AKI MARU Wednesday, 19th October.
GOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.
SADO MARU Saturday, 10th September.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.
ANYO MARU Thursday, 29th September.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAWACHI MARU Tuesday, 6th September.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
TAKETOTO MARU Sunday, 11th September.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
LIMA MARU Friday, 21st October.
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TODAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Empress of Asia (8,883) British, from Vancouver, Shanghai, Canadian Pacific—498 passengers, 1,636 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 811 tons general (through).
Pheumpheng (1,066) British, from Saigon,—Wo Fat Sing—13 passengers, 1,600 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Tanda (4,237) British, from Moji,—Mackinnon, Mackenzie—22 passengers, 2% tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 929 tons general (through).

Yat Shing (1,424) British, from Sam Chan Inlet, Jardine's—105 passengers.

Nagpore (3,226) British, from Rotterdam, Singapore—Mackinnon, Mackenzie—154 tons explosives and 1,664 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,249 tons general (through).

Hin Sang (1,885) British, from Sandakan, Jardine's—26 passengers, 4,200 tons timber and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hydrangea (561) British, from Swatow,—Chui On S.S. Co.—467 passengers, 165 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Gotha (4,868) German, from Shanghai,—Mechlers & Co.—16 passengers, 2 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,694 tons general (through).

Munsterland (3,864) German, from Hamburg,—Jebson & Co.—12 passengers, 5 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,200 tons general (through).

Kathe (906) German, from Canton,—Kwong Mow Tai—80 tons general cargo (through).

Palembang (1,979) Dutch, from Balikpapan, Shanghai,—A. P. C.—500 tons candles for Hong Kong.

Michael Jebsen (1,341) Danish, from Swatow,—Jebsen & Co.

Kaiyo Maru (1,136) Japanese, from Keeling, Swatow,—O. S. K.—275 passengers, 500 tons coal and 340 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

The P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" left Singapore for this port on August 29 at 3 p.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-day at about 5 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" will sail for Manila to-day at 5 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Morea" left Shanghai for this port on August 30 at 4 p.m. and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 10 a.m., and is due at Yokohama to-day at 5 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Bengloe" from Middlebrooks, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The B. I. s.s. "Tilawa" left Singapore for this port on August 30 at 3 p.m. and is due here on September 4 at a.m.

The M.V. "Esquiline" (D. & Co.) from Brindisi, is expected in Hong Kong on September 15.

The s.s. "Bolton Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on July 19, and is due to arrive in Hong Kong on September 24.

The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected to arrive in Hong Kong:

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S.S. "Si-Kiang" October 21.

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KIDDERPARK	5,334	15th Sept.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
* DEVANHA	8,155	17th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KHYBER	9,114	1st Oct.	Marseilles & London
NYANZA	7,023	12th Oct.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,986	15th Oct.	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	8,866	24th Oct.	Marseilles & London
MACEONIA	11,120	12th Nov.	Marseilles & London
MONGOLIA	16,504	26th Nov.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,940	10th Dec.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	7th Jan. 1928	Marseilles & London

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TALMA	10,000	12th Sept.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKLIMA	7,936	5th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

Calls at Rangoon.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,956	2nd Sept.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, 4 pm.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	30th Sept.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, & Arafura
	6,000	28th Oct.	Melbourne.

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The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

* NAGPORE	5,283	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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TILAWA	10,006	6th Sept.	Anony, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
TAKLIMA	7,936	10th Sept.	Anony, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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Departure from Singapore was scheduled for to-morrow, but the typhoon which raged over Hong Kong last Saturday caused inevitable delay, and the "Rawalpindi" is accomplishing an exceptional run to make up lost time.

Instead of being able to leave Hong Kong at noon on Saturday she could not get away until 8:30 p.m. on Monday, a delay of 5½ hours, and she has been coming to Singapore at a speed of 17 knots.

The "Rawalpindi" is an exceptionally fine ship, and more vessels of this type on the Far Eastern service would be appreciated. With so many people going home from the Straits there will be an unusually big company of leave-takers on board on Saturday morning.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers arrived by the s.s. "Empress of Asia" on September 1 from Vancouver and Ports were:

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Lighthouses.

LIVERPOOL PROTEST TO THE PREMIER.

Liverpool Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution on July 5 urging the appointment of a commission to inquire into the organisation and administration of the Lighthouse Fund, the view being expressed that increased light dues are an indirect tax on import and export trade.

The resolution, which is to be sent to the Prime Minister, local members of Parliament, the Chamber of Shipping, the Board of Trade, and the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, was passed after a discussion which arose on a letter from Mr. R. H. Thornton (Messrs. Alfred Holt and Co., Blue Funnel Line), pointing out the recent increase of 16 points in the light dues represented the third increase in three years, and expressing the opinion of shipowners that not only are many lights redundant, but that the burden of paying for them is not equitably distributed.

Huge Expenditure.

Mr. Thornton, supporting his letter, said the matter of light dues had been a cause of frequent friction between steamship owners, who paid the dues, and Trinity House, which provided the lights to light the coasts. Trinity House received and expended about one million pounds in a year, and on that body the steamship owners had no representation, neither had the Government. Trinity House was altogether irresponsible and autonomous, and spent that huge sum as it thought fit.

The Board of Trade had the right to examine its proposals when it came to building new lighthouses, but, as far as its administration and its decisions as to maintaining the lights went, the Board of Trade had no authority, and still less had the shipowners.

Shipowners were convinced that the lights were not being as economically administered as they might be, and he urged that the time had come for a Government inquiry into the whole position.

He moved the following resolution:

"That this chamber views with concern the heavy increase in light dues imposed upon shipping, and notices that this increase is required mainly to cover largely increased costs of maintenance. In view of the fact that these dues amount to an indirect tax on import and export trade by increasing the cost of sea carriage, the chamber considers that a commission should be appointed by the Government to inquire into the existing organisation of the Lighthouse Fund and its administration."

Unnecessary Lights.

Mr. A. Harold Bibby (chairman of the Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association), who seconded, said they had examined the lighting over certain sections of the coast, and had come to the conclusion that there was a fair case for a commission, such as was suggested in the resolution.

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A DOUBLE BLOW.

Two more piracies have been committed, the steamers in each case being taken to Bias Bay. To the volumes of comment on this kind of outrage on the high seas it almost appears that one word can be usefully added. Bias Bay is there. The pirates are there. And the ships are there. What good has come of all the talk of more vigorous searches of intending passengers at the ports of embarkation? What benefit has accrued from the naval raid on Bias Bay in March? What has resulted from the reported agreement among the seafaring Powers to take united action as the sequel to the piracy of the Norwegian steamer "Solviken" toward the end of July?

It is so easy and simple to condemn the piracies—so easy to write of the continued inaction of the Kwangtung authorities. More difficult is it to suggest concrete measures to eliminate both Bias Bay and the pirates. Columns—nay pages—have been filled to overflowing. And we are no nearer a solution. But foreign shipping and foreign trade cannot "sit down under it." Obviously there are weaknesses in the present method of countering piracy. It is the easiest thing possible for pirates to board steamers as passengers. If they and their luggage are searched it must be a search in the majority of cases of a very perfunctory nature. It should not be possible for a score or so of pirates to smuggle arms and ammunition on board. It should not be possible for one pirate to put a foot on the gangway until his bona fides—in this case his mala-fides—have

been established. On the coastal ships Indian guards are carried. Do their duties commence only from the moment a steamer sets out of port? Are they never called upon to co-operate with the ship's company—officers and crew—and Indian and Chinese shore guards to search passengers and passengers' luggage for arms and ammunition not after the voyage has been actually commenced but on the wharf or gangway?

Apart from the Indian guards it is likewise quite clear that the present method of searching is quite inadequate. Here lies the greatest weakness of anti-piracy precautions. It has been contended that the most thorough

search of the hundreds of Chinese passengers would unduly delay steamers and retard trade.

It is also pointed out that, whilst a perfect scheme of searching may obtain at one port, comparative laxity may prevail at other ports. And such laxity will soon become known to the pirates and their accomplices on shore. But if, on account of tides and other considerations, it may seem to the shipping companies impracticable to delay longer than at present in a particular port, why cannot the hour of embarkation of passengers be altered so as to make it imperative for every Chinese passenger to embark two or three hours before the advertised time of sailing?

Thus, if a steamer must leave at 3 p.m., advertise her sailing for noon. That would give ample time for a thorough search of passengers and their luggage on the wharf or gangway.

A FEW FIGURES.

One of the handiest amongst the many handy documents which were tabled at this afternoon's meeting of the Hong Kong Legislative Council was a set of financial and other statistics showing the development of the Colony during the thirty years from 1897 to 1926.

After Mr. Fitzroy had stated cases, instancing that the Court had no power to amend the notice of motion, His Lordship gave judgment as follows:

"My Brother and I are agreed as to the proper course to be followed on this motion. This appeal is by two persons convicted before the Police Magistrate in certain proceedings. It is provided in the Magistracy Ordinance that an appellant shall within four days after the delivery of the stated case to him transmit the case to the Registrar first giving notice in writing of the appeal and sending with it a copy of the case to the other party (the respondents).

In this matter the appellants have not complied with that section. They did not, within the period named, send a copy of the stated case either to the respondent or to his solicitors and were therefore entitled to disregard it. The Crown have been improperly brought before the Court on this motion and in the absence of proper preliminary proceedings this Court has no jurisdiction to consider the merits of the appeal as raised."

The motion will be dismissed and appellants will pay the costs of the respondents."

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

Result of Seventeenth
Puzzle.

THREE WINNERS.

The "China Mail" has pleasure in announcing the result of the seventeenth and final Cross-Word Puzzle of the new series. This has been won by three competitors with correct results, as follow:

Miss B. Judah,

"The Den," Castle Road.

Miss R. Judah,

"The Den," Castle Road.

M. A. Figueiredo,

No. 1, Peace Avenue,

Kowloon.

In accordance with the rules a cheque will be sent to the winners four days hence under registered cover, together with the congratulations of the "China Mail". The correct solutions are as follows:

ACROSS.

1. HALLUCINATION; 10, LID; 11, ROD; 13, SAVAGERY; 14, YERK; 16, RUNNEL; 17, TALON; 19, SPOOL; 20, ATTER; 21, LAP; 22, ISLE; 24, NE; 25, IS; 26, NATANT; 29, TONIC; 32, NEE; 33, PHIAL; 34, O.E.; 35, GOB; 37, SNARED; 39, LAVA; 41, RIE; 42, STREW; 43, RURAL; 44, ENDS; 46, OOST; 47, RITE; 48, ETUI; 49, RYAL; 50, BESET; 51, STRING; 53, TO; 54, EAT; 56, OATEN; 57, RANGE; 60, PEN; 61, ONAGER.

Down.

1. HA; 2, LLANO; 3, LIVELINESS; 4, UDAL; 5, IDEATE; 6, ARYTENOID; 7, TO; 8, IDYL; 9, NORNAS; 12, ARSON; 18, SNOUT; 14, EOLIC; 16, UP; 18, ARENA; 20, AL; 23, STENTORIAN; 27, ANCOINT; 28, AN; 29, T.H.E.W.T.L.; 30, ILLURE; 31, SEALETTER; 33, PRESAGE; 34, OVATE; 35, GREEZE; 36, BEDUST; 38, AROYNT; 40, ARISING; 45, SIT; 50, BORN; 52, ROE; 55, AM; 58, A.A.; 59, G.E.

FOKI'S MISTAKE.

SELLS VEGETABLE OIL FOR LARD.

Sanitary Inspector Phillips yesterday charged the licensee of the Kowloon Store, No. 78, Nathan Road, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with selling half a pound of adulterated lard.

In pleading "guilty" the defendant said that by a mistake on the part of a foki, Inspector Phillips was supplied with vegetable oil instead of lard.

The report of the Government Analyst showed that the substance supplied to Inspector Phillips contained 40 per cent foreign matter.

Dr. G. W. Pope, Medical Officer of Health, on being shown the analyst's report told the Magistrate that according to the figures it was possible that the substance might be pure vegetable oil. The witness pointed out that if the shop foki had made a mistake it was the duty of the defendant to make sure that the error did not occur.

The Magistrate convicted, and in imposing a fine of \$50 said that it appeared that the foki supplied the substance complained of to anyone who asked for lard.

MR. ALEX. RAMSAY.

Mr. Alexander Ramsay, formerly of the Hong Kong "Daily Press" and latterly of Peking and Mukden, left for Home this afternoon by the s.s. "Gotha." Before he sailed he expressed gratification in meeting so many old friends in the Colony.

FAIR TO SHOWERY.

"South winds, moderate, fair to showery," is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The Japanese depression has passed into the Pacific. Pressure is highest over the Philippines and lowest over N. China.

citors within the time specified. That notice of motion, however, was wrong in form in that it was addressed to the Crown who were named as respondents. The solicitors on whom it was served were therefore entitled to disregard it. The Crown have been improperly brought before the Court on this motion and in the absence of proper preliminary proceedings this Court has no jurisdiction to consider the merits of the appeal as raised."

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PRAPS—PRAPS NOT!

Praps, we have heard the last of these piracies. And praps not!

Tammie and Donald were philosophising over the folly of marriage.

"Marriage is like makin' a ca," said Donald. "First ye gae tae a-dore, then ye ring a bell-e an' git yer name tae a maid."

"Aye," rejoined Tammie sadly, "an' then ye get taken in."

A gentleman purchased a Dalmatian dog from a dealer of ready wit but doubtful repute.

On being caught in a rain-storm a day or two later the gentleman was surprised to find the spots washing off the dog's coat. He forthwith took the dog back to the dealer, who, apologizing profusely, remarked: "Quite an oversight, sir; there was an umbrella had to go with that dog."

The batsman walked pompously to the wicket, surveyed the adjusted his cap, hitched crowd loftily, had the sight screen moved, patted the pitch, his trousers, patted the turf again, and dug himself in.

The bowler sent down a simple ball, which shattered the stumps, and the batsman returned slowly to the pavilion.

"Hard luck, sir," came a voice from the crowd. "Just as you were getting set an' all!"

The lawyer had a difficult witness, and finally asked if he was acquainted with any of the men on the jury.

"Yes, sir," replied the witness, "more than half of them."

"Are you willing to swear that you know more than half of them?" demanded the lawyer.

"Why, if it comes to that, I'm willing to swear that I know more than all of them put together."

"Well," remarked a married man after examining his friend's new flat, "I wish I could afford a place like this."

"Yes," said his friend, "you married men may have better halves, but we bachelors usually have better quarters."

The little girl had just been reciting at mothers' meeting. "How clever your little girl is," said a lady present to the mother.

"Yes, mum," proudly answered the woman, "folks do say that she's good at recitin'. But, as my husband says, all she wants to finish her off is a bit of electrocution."

An enterprising young assistant in a shop was trying to persuade a farmer to buy a bicycle. The farmer was in town for the day, and had determined to see everything.

"I'd rather spend my money on a cow," he said proudly.

"But think," said the assistant, "what a fool you'd look riding about on a cow."

"Not half such a fool as I'd look trying to milk a bicycle," answered the farmer.

Somehow the traveller had managed to miss the last train, and was forced to put up at the local hotel in a Scottish village. When he awoke in the morning and peered round his bed-room door for his shoes he was astonished to see that, whereas his shoes were black, there was now one black and one brown shoe resting on the mat. He rang for the servant. When she appeared he called her attention to the error.

The servant scratched her head in bewilderment. "Weel, if that diana beat a'!" she exclaimed. "That's the second time this morning that mistake's happened!"

Sandy Macpherson is a very kind-hearted fellow. The other day he saw a man struggling to get a large packing-case through a shop door. The case was on the big side, and was rather wide for the door. However, Sandy and the man did their utmost for a full half-hour. They sweated and puffed, and hauled and pushed at the box, but it was all in vain.

Finally, Sandy said, "I'm afraid it's nae use. We canna get it in."

"In ye fool!" yelled the man. "I'm tryin' to get it oot!"

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COSTLY PRANK.

CHINESE CHARGED BY POLICE.

A PERJURY CONVICTION.

At the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon, Mr. C. A. S. Russ, for the defence, entered a plea of "guilty" after evidence for the prosecution had been completed in the case in which Lai Kam-ying, a Chinese Police Reservist was charged with breach of police regulations, and two other Chinese youths with impersonating the police.

The first witness for the prosecution was Lanee Sergeant Ng Kal-wing of the Chinese Company of the Hong Kong Police Reserves. He spoke about a scene which took place between the defendants and the attendants of the Taiping Theatre. A friend named Ho went up to the defendants and requested them to leave the theatre but they protested that they were Police Reservists, and pointed to a fourth member of the party, who was not arrested, as being a Sergeant. When asked to show their authority, first defendant (Lai) showed his belt, while the other two produced a small metal Crown and a police note-book respectively. Later the third man also produced a Crown, Chief Officer.

Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, officer commanding the Chinese Company of the Hong Kong Police Reserves, said Lai had been a Reservist since June 22 of this year. After speaking of equipment supplied to the defendant, the witness said that the third man had also applied to join the Force but he was rejected by the doctor.

Proceeding, the witness said that in consequence of reports received that certain members of the Police Reserve were acting in an arrogant and sometimes disorderly manner, he detailed some senior officers to keep a lookout, particularly on R.57 (Lai).

Mr. Russ objected to the statement which he held was not evidence.

The Magistrate agreed that the statement was not acceptable.

Replying to the Magistrate, Mr. Mow Fung said that he did not receive any particular complaint from the Taiping or any other theatre.

Hostile Witness.

Ng Cheong who was in the company of the defendants on the night in question was next called to give evidence for the prosecution. He proved to be a hostile witness, however, and denied that either the defendants or himself had produced anything at the theatre, neither did they at any time claim to be policemen.

Inspector Grant put in a statement which this witness had made at No. 7 Police Station, and this the Magistrate read to the witness as follows:

"When I got to the theatre, I told the first defendant I had no money. Lai Kim-ying said 'No fear' and handed me a badge, saying if anyone should ask me anything I was to show the crown badge and it would be all right. We went into the theatre and Lai, as he passed the barrier, said 'I am a Police Reserve.' I was not asked for a ticket. After being in the theatre for about five minutes, the collector came and asked Lai Kim-ying for tickets, saying 'If you have no money to pay for the tickets, clear out.' Lai then opened his jacket and exposed his police belt to view, saying 'Can't you see I am a Police Reserve?'"

Asked if he denied having made any part of that statement, the witness said he did not know what he was saying at the time. He might have made the statement. Witness added that he had spent a sleepless night in custody and was starving at the time the statement was made. He also denied in answer to another question by the Magistrate that he had produced a Crown to anyone on the night in question (August 19).

Perjury Charge.

The witness was ordered to stand down, and his Worship told Inspector Grant to take the man to the Charge room and have him charged with perjury.

The case for the prosecution against three defendants having been completed, Mr. Russ obtained leave to withdraw from the Court to confer with his clients. After an absence of ten minutes, Counsel returned and pleaded "guilty" on behalf of all three defendants.

Addressing the Magistrate for leniency, Mr. Russ said that his clients regarded the matter more as a prank than anything else. An exposure of this kind was in itself to deal with the defendants as they were young men of good characters. Counsel asked his Worship to deal with the defendants leniently as he could.

Comdr. Hartford.

Invited by the Magistrate to give his views on the matter, Commander Hartford, D.S.P. (R), said this was the first case of this character, and he was particularly anxious that it should be the last. It was his opinion that the majority of the public were ignorant of the powers of the Police Reserves and therefore it was a simple matter for Reservists to produce a part of their equipment to intimidate a member of the community over an unlawful act. However, he asked his Worship not to be very severe in punishing the first defendant (Lai), but he suggested that a sufficiently

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CINEMA NOTES.

JACKIE COOGAN'S EXCELLENT PICTURE.

BROADWAY FOLLIES' VISIT.

Offering a double attraction in the shape of Jackie Coogan's latest picture, "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut," and the visit of the Broadway Follies, the new programme at the Queen's Theatre to-day will be received with general favour. Jackie Coogan needs no introduction to local cinemagoers, but it may be mentioned that in "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut" he is seen for the first time as a grown-up boy and in the course of the picture he actually does get his hair cut.

The Broadway Follies comprise twelve artistes, several of whom have already achieved fame in New York and the other big capitals. For example Mr. Joseph Cherpingo and Miss Helen Cook were the principal dancers with the New York Midnight Revue for two years, and Signor Adolfo Bellotti, who possesses a beautiful tenor voice, was for six years at the Milan Opera House, later going to New York to join the Metropolitan Opera Company.

The company also includes a bevy of beautiful girls—seven in number—who interpret classical, modern and jazz dancing with charm and skill. The concerted numbers are thus particularly effective. The company will appear at all performances in the current programme and will submit a complete change of programme on Sunday, when the principal film will be "Money Talks," a brisk comedy featuring Claire Windsor and Owen Moore, World Theatre.

Beginning with a laugh and ending with a laugh, the new picture at the World Theatre today, "Seven Keys to Baldpate," is essentially a comedy, but it has also all the elements of an exciting mystery play. The story concerns a young novelist, who for the love of a girl, attempts the almost impossible task of writing a complete novel in twenty-four hours. The place he chooses for the task is Baldpate, a closed mountain inn, to which there is supposed to be only one key. Scarcely has he begun to write, however, than he is interrupted in dramatic fashion, and it soon appears that there are not less than six other keys, each of which is used by an alarming caller. The result is both exciting and amusing, with a totally unexpected climax. Douglas MacLean is the hero of "Seven Keys to Baldpate."

"Wild Oats Lane," Viola Dana and Robert Agnew play the leading roles in "Wild Oats Lane," the principal film in the new continuous programme at the Star Theatre to-day. The story deals with a boy and a girl who are led into crime but who are regenerated by love. Produced by Marshall Neilan, who has specialised in such pictures, "Wild Oats Lane" is strong in dramatic appeal.

Asked if he denied having made any part of that statement, the witness said he did not know what he was saying at the time. He might have made the statement. Witness added that he had spent a sleepless night in custody and was starving at the time the statement was made. He also denied in answer to another question by the Magistrate that he had produced a Crown to anyone on the night in question (August 19).

Mr. Lindsell addressing defendants said: "You three young men undoubtedly took a wise course in pleading guilty through your solicitor, as the charges brought against you were overwhelmingly proved. Which of you was responsible for planning this raid on the theatre, entering the theatre without ticket—does not appear in the evidence. I must hold on the prima facie evidence that the first defendant, whose book was used to facilitate the entry, was responsible. That, obviously is a gross breach of discipline which renders you liable under the Police Reserve Ordinance to a fine of \$200 or six months' imprisonment. However, in view of the fact that it is the first time you have been before the court, and your good record as a Reservist, I will fine first defendant \$75. You must understand that any further offence of this sort, not only by you, but by any other member of the Reserve will be visited with imprisonment. The second and third defendants are fined \$25 on each charge, making \$50 each, and these convictions are now on record against you and any further offence by you of this nature will be met with imprisonment."

The man Ng Cheong, was then dealt with for committing perjury.

Mr. Russ who represented him pleaded "guilty."

Mr. Russ said that the offence committed out of chivalrousness to his friends, and although that was no excuse in law, Counsel asked his Worship to take that fact into consideration in dealing with the defendant.

Mr. Lindsell: "Again you have taken a wise course! Had you insisted in pleading not guilty, I would have dealt with you more severely. In view of the fact that you were trying to shield your friends I am prepared to let you go with a fine of \$25. You ought to understand that lying on oath in this box will not be tolerated."

COLONY'S CRIME.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Department is much indebted to the Police authorities in Macao for close co-operation throughout the year. The Indian community continued its loyal attitude to the Government.

The unsettled conditions in China were reflected in the increased number of European deserters and stowaways whom the Police were called upon to deal. Most of these persons arrived from Chinese coast ports.

Guards. Number of Guards employed during the year:—

1926. 1925.

Steamer Guards (Indian) .. 290 203

Steam Launch Guards (Chinese) .. 4 0

Shore Guards (Indian) .. 321 340

Shore Guards (Chinese) .. 15 22

Special L. A. Gun Guards (Indian) .. 50 50

Guards on Strength but unemployed .. 25 110

705 725

Bonds. At the beginning of the year the Bonds for steamers and steam launches were submitted to the Crown Solicitor for examination. The Bonds were re-numbered to show the actual number of ships with valid Bonds on December 31. Formerly the return showed total number of Bonds issued commencing with original number 1. The figures now stand as follows:

Vessels under Bond 31.12.26,

79.

Total number of vessels that

were under Bond 31.12.26,

259.

Discipline throughout the year was good. There were 34 dismissals during the year for misconduct.

Gambling.

Two hundred and thirty-three gambling warrants were successfully executed during the year as against 286 in 1925. There was one case in which no conviction was obtained. There were 50 lottery cases, compared with 56 in 1925.

During the year Police had occasion to stop several lotteries. The promoters appeared to be under the false impression that donation of a part of the proceeds to a philanthropic object rendered lottery permissible.

Property Stolen.

The estimated value of property stolen during the year was \$484,382.53 as against \$584,578.61 in 1925, a decrease of \$100,196.08 or 20.6 per cent. The average for the last five years is \$641,866.38.

The value of property recovered during the year was \$53,059.80 or 11 per cent. of the value of the property stolen, as against \$52,022.09 or 8.9 per cent. of the property stolen in 1925, an increase of 2.1 per cent. in the ratio between the property stolen and property recovered.

Licences.

The following licences were issued during the year:—

1925. 1926.

Public Jinrikishas 1,775 1,783

Private Jinrikishas 1,361 1,007

Public Chairs .. 896 676

Private Chairs .. 171 143

Drivers and Bear-

ers .. 17,888 16,598

Truck licences .. 1,261 1,109

Motor cars ..

(Livery) .. 373 365

Motor cars ..

(Private) .. 834 905

Motor cars ..

(Drivers) .. 2,309 2,417

Motor cycle ..

(Licences) .. 429 463

Motor cycle ..

(Drivers) .. 465 475

Money Changers .. 199 198

Pawn-brokers .. 133 110

Chinese Wine and

Spirit licences .. 400 371

Auctioneer Li-

cences .. 5 5

Billiard Tables and

Bowling Alleys .. 5 4

Distillery Licences .. 18 33

Marine Stores .. 29 29

Game Licences .. 426 404

Hawkers .. 8,416 8,528

Dangerous Goods .. 1,036 976

Poisons .. 19 17

Mendicants ..

During the year 1926 six hun-

dred and one mendicant were

arrested and dealt with as fol-

lows:—

41 mendicants charged before

the Magistrate.

5 mendicants sent to Tung Wah

Hospital.

1 mendicant let go by order of

Hon. C.S.P.

20 mendicants handed back to

parents.

385 mendicants sent out of

Colony once.

198 mendicants sent out of

Colony more than once.

1 mendicant sent out of Colony 20 times.

Dogs' Ordinance ..

1926. 1925.

Dogs Licensed .. 4,955 3,609

Dogs Licensed (free) .. 26 25

Dogs Impounded .. 381 370

Dogs Destroyed .. 1,872 831

A HEALTHY YEAR.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Civil Hospital—Dr. D. J. Valentine was the Medical Officer in charge and Dr. W. L. Paterson was Second Medical Officer. Dr. C. W. McKenna took charge from July 20 to October 10, while the first mentioned two went on leave.

Nursing Staff—Miss E. A. Girling was appointed Matron in succession to Miss M. Sloan who took up the new appointment of Principal Matron.

Buildings, etc.—No large structural additions or alterations were made to the hospital. The new annexe to the Sisters' Quarters was completed early in the year.

The total number of admissions to the hospital (exclusive of the Maternity Block and Lunatic Asylum) was 5,881 a number which is less than the figure for the three previous years.

The daily average of patients in hospital was 192 which shows that during part of the year every available bed was occupied (198). At times a state of overcrowding existed.

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Kowloon.**A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.**

The past week has seen a change in the fortunes of the war in China. The Northern advance has been stemmed on the banks of the Yangtze River, where the Nationalists, despite the absence of Chiang Kai-shek, are making a determined stand. The Northerners, for their part, are very confident, and look forward to soon being in Shanghai again, with their chief, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, as virtual ruler of China. Kwangtung and Kwangsi, of course, would not come under his dominance.

The full series of events leading up to the Nationalists' dramatic stand against a superior and victorious force is told in this week's "Overland Mail."

The news of importance so far as Hong Kong is concerned is the piracy of two coastal vessels, one British and the other Chinese owned. In both instances the vessels were taken to Bias Bay. Full stories appear in the "Overland," together with all other local news, including complete sporting and social engagements. Let us send the "Overland" home for you.

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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL."**LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.**

The Shanghai "Mainichi" reports that, following the retirement of General Chiang Kai-shek, Communists who have been hiding in Shanghai for some time are starting an extensive campaign in labour circles and are holding secret meetings in Chinese territory in an attempt to revive their activities and regain their former power.

Under a Nanking date line, the "Eastern Times" published an article to the effect that General Li Lien-chun had transmitted a telegram to General Chiang Kai-shek stating that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang also would resign his position with the Nationalist forces unless General Chiang returned to Nanking and assumed his position as Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army.

Gens. Pei Chung-mei and Chow Feng-chi, the principal officers of the troops in charge of the Shanghai martial law area, announce that they have accepted full responsibility for the preservation of law and order and they will use drastic measures if necessary. An additional regiment has been drafted in to support them. Pedestrians now are challenged after 7 p.m. and none but soldiers may be abroad after 10 p.m.

In connection with the present campaign against rabies—mild though the effort is in comparison with what is done in Western countries—it might be of service to point out that for some years veterinary surgeons have been giving injections of compounds held to be preventives, and there is good reason for believing that, even if these are not absolute deterrents, at least they do very considerably lessen the possibility of dogs taking the terrible affliction.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir L. Worthington-Evans stated that there are, approximately, 2,700 Section "A" Reservists now serving in China who are due to return this trooping season, though some of this number may volunteer to remain in Army service in China. Apart from the Section "A" Reservists, approximately 1,000 men will be sent back from China for discharge during the current financial year, if the troops remain in China beyond that date.

An alleged report from Peking states that on the first of August a Japanese was arrested at Kwan-chengtao and charged with the crime of offering a large supply of ammunition to the brigands. The Japanese is reported to have been conveyed to Harbin under escort and handed over to the Japanese Consulate for investigation.

An unfortunate accident happened recently at Bunga Raya, Malacca. While a Government dog shooter was shooting a stray dog a Chinese, who was walking on the road opposite separated from it by the Malacca River, was hurt in the leg. The shot, being "bird shot," appeared to have spread out, and one of the pellets killed the dog while another hit the leg of the unfortunate Chinese.

Announcement is made by Mr. H. E. Hillman, Coast Inspector, acting under the Inspector-General of Customs, that owing to Chinese naval and military operations, such lights as the Woosung light, Whampoo entrance leading light, Lismore buoy, Woosung spit buoy and Quarantine buoy are liable to be extinguished without notice. All mariners are urged to take notice of this announcement.

Japanese papers announce that the Japanese Consul-General at Shanghai has received instructions to oppose the increased tonnage dues and has ordered Japanese shipping companies to deposit the regular dues in the Consulate. In reply to a protest regarding the detention of two Japanese steamers at Ningpo, Mr. Kuo Tai-chi, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, has stated that he cannot do anything, as the Nanking Government is determined to enforce the increased rates.

Says the "N. C. D. News":—One does not quite get the meaning of the following paragraph in the "Hong Kong Telegraph":—"The full list of offences which can be committed by a member of the Hong Kong Police Force is set out in a new table which is published in the last issue of the Government Gazette."—Surely Hong Kong's police are not capable of committing any more offences than anyone else, and it is hoped, and most sincerely believed, that they do not commit any more than the ordinary little lapses from perfection to which all of us are inclined.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. R. G. Viloudaki sails for Japan on the N.Y.K. s.s. "Nagasaki Maru."

Mr. S. B. M. Brenner has returned to Shanghai from Japan, on the N.Y.K. s.s. "Haruna Maru."

Amongst the passengers returning to Shanghai on the P. & O. s.s. "Moren" were Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Beynon and Mr. T. A. Spedding.

Mr. Hans Wiener, who has been on holiday in Japan for the past five weeks, is now at Tsingtao on his way back to Shanghai, where he plans to resume his classes early in September.

Major Charles J. Brown, formerly Chief of the Air Corps, Philippine Department, died at Fort Monroe Post Hospital, Fort Monroe, Virginia, on July 31, according to telegraphic advices received in Manila.

The great organ of the famous Pei Tang Cathedral, Peking, which apparently was hopelessly wrecked by Boxer artillery and rifle fire, has been restored and its music has been heard again after a silence of 27 years.

Mr. E. B. Gregory, manager of the leaf department of the British Cigarette Co., Ltd., who has been in China for the past 20 years is retiring in the near future and returning with his family to live in America.

It is understood that Mr. R. C. Cussen will act as Deputy Public Prosecutor, Selangor, when Mr. W. Burton takes up duties as acting Legal Adviser, F.M.S., on the departure on leave of the Hon. Mr. W. S. Gibson.

Intermarriage between Japanese and Koreans is increasing. According to a census taken at the end of last year there were 459 mixed households against 227 at the end of 1922. Of these, Japanese having Korean wives numbered 222, and Koreans having Japanese wives 219.

Mr. Wong Kien, son of the late Towkay Wong Kam Tong of Ipon, has arrived in the Straits from Europe, where he has been studying at Lyons University under Prof. Victor Lorot, the distinguished Egyptologist. He obtained his D.L. degree with a thesis on the origin and evolution of hieroglyphic characters and ancient Chinese writing.

The Rev. Bro. Patrick has returned to Penang from a long leave.

The Hon'ble Mr. E. W. F. Gilman (Controller of Labour), and Mrs. and Miss Gilman, have left Penang for a visit to India.

Inspector Leonard, who was an inmate of the Durian Dauh hospital, has gone to Singapore for an X-ray examination on four weeks' leave.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved the creation of the appointment of Chief Chemist, Institute for Medical Research, F.M.S.

News has been received in Rangoon of the death in England of Capt. P. W. E. Jones, Cargo Superintendent of the B. I. S. N. Co., which took place in London.

The engagement is announced between Mr. Arthur Dyer Ball, who recently left Hong Kong on transfer to the post of Legal Draftsman to the Attorney General, Ceylon, and Mrs. Dorothy Redfern Robinson, fourth daughter of the late Colonel and Mrs. Redfern Robinson.

Dr. Wu Lien-teh (Gnoi Leantuck), the plague expert, is expected in Malaya in the latter part of October on his way to India to attend the seventh congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine which opens at Calcutta on Dec. 5. Dr. Wu Lien-teh, who has many relatives and friends in Malaya, will stay there for about a fortnight.

Mr. Charles Chamier's "Our Cabaret" company, after successful seasons in Kowloon and Hong Kong, leaves to-morrow for Shanghai by the P. & O. s.s. "Kyber," opening at the Carlton Theatre on September 7. Miss Aileen Woods has joined the Company and in her absence her sister, Miss Doris Woods, will carry on the dancing instruction at her studio in Beaconsfield Arcade.

Mr. Kiang Chia-mei, the new magistrate of the Shanghai district, has issued a proclamation stating that the yamen has been reorganized and now is to be known as the Shanghai Hsien Government. Its functions will include collecting land taxes, and other minor matters also will be performed by it. The municipal administration is to be placed entirely in the hands of the Shanghai Municipal Government (Chinese).

An enterprising London firm said that the safest place to put a safe was on the public sidewalk where everyone could see it. They therefore had theirs with the door opening on to the pavement of a busy street. The theory is all right, but it has just been reported that thieves have succeeded in opening it and getting away with £300.

The strictly censored Chinese newspapers report that Gen. Chen Tien-yuen, who brought large numbers of infantry and artillerymen to Nanking, was to leave that place for Shanghai. They also report that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is on his way to Nanking. General Ho Hing-ying is acting commandant-in-chief of the Nanking forces, vice Chiang Kai-shek. He will call a military conference to formulate plans for the composition of a headquarters staff. Several thousand additional retreating Nationalist soldiers have arrived at Chin-kiang.

It may be remembered that a few days ago a report was received that gun limbers were being ferried over the Yangtze from north to south but the curious thing was that no guns accompanied them. A report has now reached Shanghai that the reason for this was that the guns had been abandoned when Sung Chuang-fang attacked the Nationalist army north of Yangtze, and that only the limbers could be saved. It is said that the Nationalists had never before experienced the effects of heavy guns firing high explosive, and that a considerable demoralization took place in their ranks, with the consequent loss of the guns.

The programme to be given by the Broadway Follies at all performances in the Queen's Theatre to-day comprises the Mona Vanna dance extraordinary by Miss Helen Cook and Mr. Joseph Cherpino, late principal dancers with the New York midnight revue; the "Quowato," a dance of grace and beauty by Miss Bagdonova and Mr. Kurowsky; a vocal selection by Sgr. Adolfo Bellotti, famous tenor, late star of the Metropolitan Opera Company; and Gypsy Romance, a fantastic dance pantomime of Nomad life by the entire company. The moving picture programme consists of Jackie Coogan's latest picture, "Johnny Get Your Hair Cut" and the usual topical gazette.

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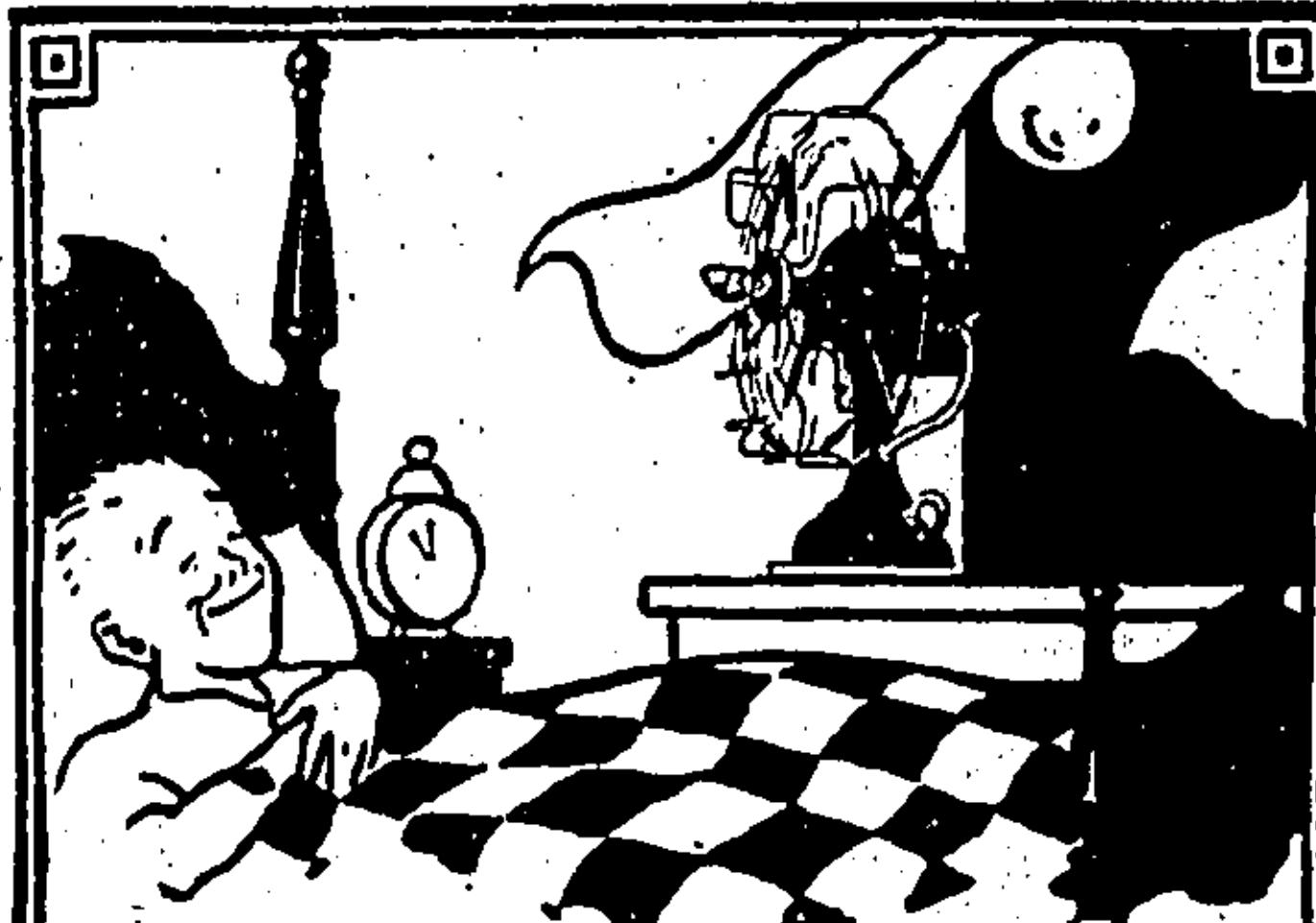
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SPORTS

SOUTH AFRICAN TOUR.

DIFFICULTIES OF CRICKET CONDITIONS.

A LIKELY TEAM.

The main topic of interest in cricket society is the tour this winter to South Africa, and everyone is watching the progress of young players who might be taken, writes Tom Shepherd. There have been many suggestions as to who might go and who are worthy of consideration, but it is not generally realised how difficult is the task before the selectors.

It is easy to say that the team for South Africa should be selected with a view to the later one for Australia, but, in practice, such an idea is hardly possible. Two more different countries for cricket than Australia and South Africa, cannot be imagined. I have not been to either, but I am basing my remarks upon what I have been told by players who have been to both.

Even so, this does not affect me to any extent, and what is more important is the fact that cricket in South Africa is played under entirely different conditions from those existing here.

In the first place, cricket is played upon matting wickets out there, and the difference between that and grass is enough to make a man selected upon his English form a total failure in South Africa. Therefore, the selectors have an extra difficult task. They have to decide who are fit, upon their English form, to go on the tour, and, at the same time, take into consideration the players who might do well under the changed conditions; and that is not easy.

There is no reliable way of telling who might do well out there, and it might be suggested that a trial match played upon matting wicket would go a long way towards solving some of the difficulty.

I think it would help, but there are arguments against such an adoption. You can only play two teams in a match, and the best of players fail sometimes, so if you eliminated men who failed in this one match, you might be eliminating a player who, in another match or in a series of games upon matting wickets, would succeed.

Trial Matches.

It might be considered that when we are playing trial matches for a South African tour, they should be played as near to the conditions over there as possible. It is slightly revolutionary, but it seems the only way of getting some real line upon persons who might do well out in Africa.

Memories of the good men who have been taken to Africa and failed to find their best form only emphasise the fact that something should be done to help matters.

Then, one must not forget the suggestions afoot of taking some young players to Africa. They will play in Test Matches, and, whether the games be against South Africa or Australia, they are important to the young player. It is their big chance, and, if they fail because of conditions not suited to their style, then it is a cricket tragedy and some of their confidence might be shattered. Confidence is a big thing in cricket, and we cannot afford to have our young players losing any of the asset.

These difficulties are well-known to the men who will choose the team for the tour this winter, but are, perhaps, not so well-known by the cricket follower. At the same time, if he is thinking of forecasting some of the players who might go, then he should first try to overcome these difficulties before thinking of the men he would select if picking a team.

I would look around for young players, but would, at the same time, remember that older and wiser heads give stability to a team. A happy blend of youth and experience would be my aim.

Because I have not been to South Africa and do not, from actual experience, know what is wanted, I must accept what I have been told and use that in conjunction with the knowledge I have of matting wickets as they are in this country when used for practice.

The ball will rise up and it will turn, it will do most things the bowler desires and these facts tell me that the batsmen have to be very careful and watch the ball keenly.

Jack Russell.

Looking around for batmen, Jack Russell occurs immediately to my mind. This Essex batsman always does well in Africa and he is far from being a spent force. He would be in my side. Going in early, he would give confidence to those who were not so used to the wickets—he would be my first choice for the experienced section of the team.

Samhan, of my own club, would go in, because I know how well he watches the ball and how reliable he is, and the same can be said of Sutcliffe and Holmes, the Yorkshire pair. We all know how Sutcliffe rises to the big occasion, and Holmes is a sound bat.

Hammond, of course, is a certainty. Larwood, too, might be called the same thing. Here, however, is one who is talked about, but not to the same extent. Northants have a left-arm fast bowler called Clark. Now I have watched this player, and there is not another left-arm bowler in the country quite like him. He is fast and mixes his deliveries really well. He bowls both the kind that come into you and those that go away. I think I should include Clark.

GOLF NOTES.

MR. R. T. JONES'S GREAT TRIUMPH.

A WONDER PLAYER.

St. Andrews.

"I have achieved the ambition of my life," said Mr. R. T. Jones, after he had won the championship on the historic St. Andrews links. "Whatever I have done in the past, or whatever I do in the future, does not matter two straws," he added. "I have won at St. Andrews, the shrine of the game, a links I love most of all, because it breathes and radiates golf. I am happy, not because I am supposed to have accomplished something that has never been done before, but because I have won at a place where golf was played nearly five centuries ago. This wonderful experience will live in my memory until my dying day. If I never win anything again, he said, "I am satisfied."

It is not difficult to understand Mr. Jones's feelings. To triumph at St. Andrews, where every butcher, baker, and candlestick-maker—plays and understands golf, where young and old Tom Morris, the giant figures of the game, held sway for so many years, where the great masters of golf, to go on the tour, and, at the same time, take into consideration the players who might do well under the changed conditions; and that is not easy.

Now to talk about a player who I know to be sound right through, but, who, to the best of my knowledge, has only played in one big game—a Gentleman v. Players match at the Oval. He is Alan Peach. Look around the countries and find a number 7 or 8 who can go in and get runs like this man. He gets fifty, sixty, seventy or eighty, or even more, times in a season, and how often does he fail with the bat? Very rarely.

Yet he is a bowler and a good one; that he can field anywhere and is a real all-rounder. Above all he is an entertaining cricketer. There's no half measures about him, he gets runs, and gets them to delight the crowd. I cannot think of a better man for a tour; he is a sound cricketer in every way. He would be in my team and deserves to be in the actual one.

Those are but a few suggestions of my own, and are of no account to the selectors. Whether our opinions tally, we must wait to see.

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clearly that he is a bat above the average. If a second stumper is required Lillee, of Notts, may not be left behind.

There are plenty of young players such as O'Connor, of Essex, Berry of Leicester and Barling of Surrey; their turn will come. Some of them may get a chance this time or they may have to wait, but the chance is coming.

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RECORD CRICKET SEASON.

Which season of modern cricket has produced the most remarkable series of performances? It would probably be difficult to beat 1906. In that summer there were four records set up, each of outstanding merit.

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very marked degree, more marked than in any golfer I have yet met.

All the celebrated players of games have been gifted with unusual keenness of eyesight, men like W. G. Grace, F. S. Jackson and Hobbs being able to follow the flight of the ball from the moment it leaves the bowler's hands to the moment it reaches the bat. One swift glance down the course is sufficient to give Mr. Jones the clue not only to the distance, but the exact type of shot required. He seldom takes a second look, and there is never any hesitation as regards the particular club to be employed; out it comes from the bag and away goes the shot.

Self-Satisfied.

I suppose there is no other golfer who relies completely upon his own judgment as does Mr. Jones. Never once during the whole of the championship did he ask the advice of his caddy, a man who knows every inch of St. Andrews, how any shot should be played, or whether there were any hidden pitfalls ahead. Of conversation there was not a syllable during the playing of these fateful rounds; neither ever spoke to the other and all the caddie did was to hold out the bag of clubs, sixteen implements in all, for Mr. Jones to

choose from.

Though the United States has now captured the championship six times in the last seven years,

"MAN'S DESCENT."

DARWINIAN THEORY FUNDAMENTALS.

PRESIDENT OF BRITISH ASSOCIATION'S ADDRESS.

London, Yesterday.

Sir Arthur Keith, in his Presidential Address to the British Association at Leeds on "Darwin's Theory of Man's Descent As It Stands To-day," said that an enormous body of new evidence had accumulated during the past 56 years, but the fundamentals of Darwin's outline of man's history remained unshaken.

Sir Arthur Keith was convinced that it never can be shaken that man had been traced through fossil remains and stone implements backwards to the beginning of the Pleistocene Period, at least for 200,000 years—perhaps thrice that amount—and that man had even been traced into an earlier Pliocene Period, which had endured for at least a quarter of a million years.

Man's Rise.

All evidence supported the conclusion that man had arisen, as Lamarck and Darwin suspected, from the anthropoid ape, which was not on a higher zoological scale than the chimpanzee and that the date at which the human anthropoid lines of descent diverged lies near the beginning of the still earlier Miocene Period.

On a modest scale of reckoning that gave man the respectable antiquity of about a million years.

All the evidence gathered by anatomists, embryologists, physiologists and psychologists supported the conviction that man's brain evolved from the brain of the anthropoid ape, and that in the process no new structure had been introduced and no new or strange faculty interpolated.—Reuter.

Darwin Memorial.

Sir Arthur Keith, replying to a vote of thanks after his presidential address, announced that the Council of the Association intended to arrange the purchase of Charles Darwin's house and its surroundings in Bromley, Kent for the nation as a memorial to Darwin.—Reuter.

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WHITE WOMAN IN TIBET.

Madame Alexandra David-Neel's title of the only white woman who has penetrated to the heart of Tibet, and entered the forbidden city of Lhasa promises well for the interest of her book, "My Journey to Lhasa" (Helmemann, 21s); but, in fact, her book surpasses its promise. It belongs to the upper ten of travel books by reason of merits as well as advantages which few possess. The commonality of travellers do not get to the heart alike of a country and of its people as Madame Alexandra David-Neel has done. Before the journey here described she had spent years in studying in and around Tibet the language and habits of the Tibetans. Then, accompanied only by the young "red" lama who is her adopted son, she set out disguised as a poor pilgrim to defy discovery and reach the closely-guarded capital. She succeeded not only in entering Lhasa but also in living there for two months, during which she witnessed the New Year festivities.

Insight and Sympathy.

The charm of the book lies as much in the insight and sympathy shown in the lives of the peasants as in the excitement of attaining so difficult a goal. For eight months the author and her companion journeyed through a country much of which is unknown and untraversed. There is plenty of information for geographers here. There are also adventures with robbers, perils of the route itself, of the weather, and of starvation. But, despite innumerable hardships this remarkable lady never loses her zest or intensity of observation. "Is not everything a fairy tale in this extraordinary country," she exclaims, "even to the name it gives itself, that of Khang Yul, the land of snows?" Her opinion of the working of British influence on the government of Tibet is by no means uniformly favourable; she is of French birth and with no partiality for British official methods. Yet her evident liking for English people as individuals is the least of the reasons for congratulating ourselves that she has chosen to write this notable record in English.

There is a pathetic picture here of the loneliness of the Empress Frederick when cooped up in the Palace at Berlin and spied upon by the servants so that she "could not help sitting down to cry." In a letter dated 1899, the Empress writes to Lady Ponsonby: "The continued abuse showered on everything English every day makes me so savage that I long to be a man sometimes and knock someone down." It appears from the correspondence printed in this volume that Lady Ponsonby was in touch with George Eliot, A. C. Benson, Sir Edmund Gosse, and other notabilities of the literary world. At one time she was much under the influence of John Stuart Mill and Herbert Spencer—rather a surprising fact to be recorded of a member of the Royal entourage.

From Page to Ambassador. Court life figures also in the reminiscences of Sir Arthur Hardinge, for he started as page to Queen Victoria. The pages at that time, so he tells us, "were sometimes inclined to over-eat themselves at the ball suppers and to drink more champagne than was good for them, so that they were not always quite sober or steady when they had to walk back in the procession in the charge of Her Majesty's train." But the book, as its title suggests—"A Diplomat in Europe"—is mainly occupied by its author's career in the diplomatic service, which took him to Spain (twice), Russia, Roumania, Belgium, and Portugal. He reveals no scandalous secrets, but he relates many entertaining anecdotes. One of the funniest is his story of the bewilderment of the Russian secret police, who had stolen a British colleague's learned attempts to construct paradigms of Finnish irregular verbs under the impression that the incomprehensible manuscript contained the secret cypher of the Foreign Office.

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Rylands describes Mr. Winston Churchill as "gone clean off his head. He has not been as happy since he crawled on his belly and helped snipe in Sidney Street." Rylands goes on "Winston probably would be certifiable, but no doctor can get near him."

"An owl-like jix" is a pleasant reference to the Home Secretary (Sir W. Joynson-Hicks).

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS**VICTORIAN COURT.**

MEMOIRS OF A MAID OF HONOUR.

The collection of "The Letters of Lady Augusta Stanley" (Palmer, 10s. 6d.) gathers, for the first time, all of Mr. Chesterton's poetry into one volume which adds appreciably to our understanding of Queen Victoria and her Court. "Mary Ponsonby" is a memoir, edited by her daughter, of a lady who, as Miss Barry Bulteel, was appointed in the early fifties a maid of honour to the Queen and after spending eight years in that capacity married Sir Henry Ponsonby, Her Majesty's private secretary. Lady Ponsonby died in 1916 at the age of 84, and her letters and journal, which supply most of the material for this volume, record her impressions of people and events over a long period. She reveals herself as of a more critical temperament than Lady Augusta Stanley. She evidently had no very high opinion of the Prince Consort, for instance. She complains of his way of treating the household" (i.e., the equerries, maids of honour and so on) as "not very civil" and "rather too like a master of a house scolding servants to be pleasant to those, who were bound to listen in silence."

He failed, we are told, to make a single great friend among the Ministers or even among the household. As for his sense of fun, which had been so much talked of, Lady Ponsonby could never discover it. He went into immoderate fits of laughter at any practical joke, and his own jokes were "heavy and lumbering."

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G. K. CHESTERTON.

COMMENTS ON COLLECTED POEMS.

"The Collected Poems of G. K. Chesterton" (Palmer, 10s. 6d.) gathers, for the first time, all of Mr. Chesterton's poetry into one volume, from his first book (1900) to the "Ballad of St. Barbara" (1922). It includes, of course, his long "Ballad of the White Horse" (1911), and his brilliant group of songs from "The Flying Inn." There is added a large batch of entirely new poems, all marked as strongly as ever with the author's individuality. Mr. Chesterton is a popular poet. The appeal of much of his work is striking and immediate. We may apply the words Lowell used of a great eighteenth century satirist—he has a surprising extemporary vigour of mind, and his phrase carries great weight of blow. This muscular part of his work will not outlast the passion of the moment, though for the moment it has all the greater force; but there is still much of his poetry independent of the hour only, born from a profounder inspiration, a more permanent though not necessarily deeper emotion, and fired in a more enduring furnace.

His Chief Poetic Virtue.

Mr. Chesterton's habit of making strange antitheses serve simple purposes is not limited to his poetry. Spontaneity is his chief poetic virtue and the cause of most of his defects. It is a case, so often, where art must give way to nature. Another phase of his thought is shown in the mystical significance that may be developed from a common object, so ordinary perhaps, that the man in the street will pass it by unnoticed. Social injustice stirs its hot indignation, but man's neglect awakens his sorrows. Against political malfeasance he delivers stinging blows; but for his finest satire we turn to the terrific irony of "The Wild Knight." It is when he "shakes his spear at all the stars" that his rhetoric rises to the thunder of splendid lines. There is always colour and a swinging music in his verse; but only when his vigour is concentrated does he brighten to the rare perfection of "The Nativity" and a few kindred poems. In such, Mr. Chesterton is of the lineage of Francis Thompson; while, in his lighter phases, his place is with Byron and H. D. Traill, not with Macaulay or Kipling.

EMERSON'S POETRY.

It is very hard to speak of Mr. Emerson's poetry; not to do it justice, still more to do it justice. It seems to me like the robe of a New England housewife. The rosy tint and stuff are unimmaculate, but here and there the gray worsted from the darning-needle crosses and ekes out the Tyrian purple. Few poets who have written so little in verse have dropped so many of those "jewels five words long" which fall from their setting only to be more choly treasured. E pluribus unum is scarcely more familiar to our ears than "He builded better than he knew," and Keats' "thing of beauty" is little better known than Emerson's "beauty is its own excuse for being." One may not like to read Emerson's poetry because it is sometimes careless, almost as if carefully so, though never undignified even when slipshod; spotted with quaint archaisms and strange expressions that sound like the affectation of negligence, or with plain, homely phrases such as the self-made scholar is always afraid of. But if one likes Emerson's poetry he will be sure to love it; if he loves it, its phrases will cling to him as hardly any others do. It may not be for the multitude, dust and penetrates to the consciousness it is to fertilise and bring to flower and fruit.—From one of Holmes's Addresses.

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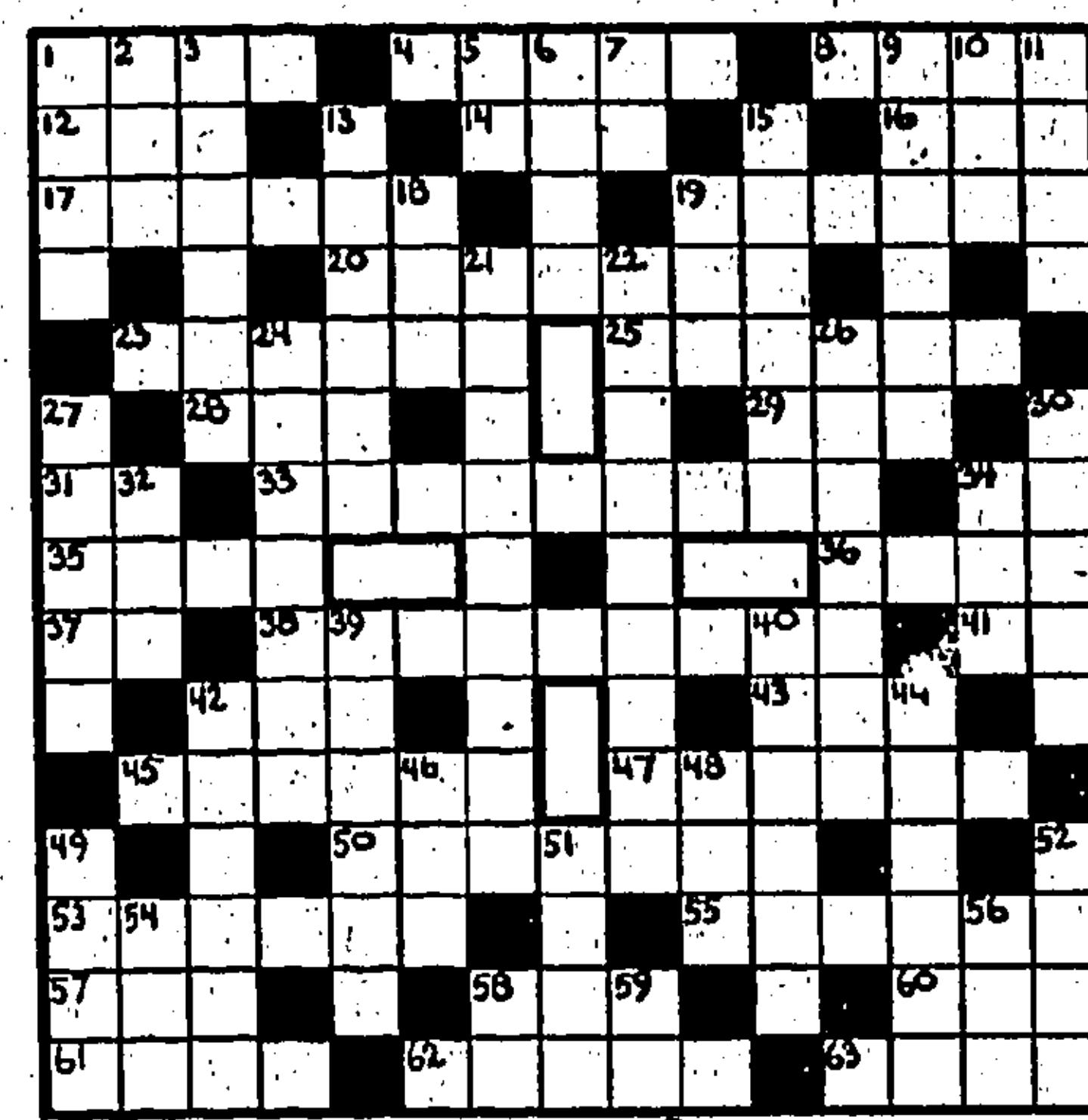
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ANY PLANE!

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL.

1-A river of Germany

4-Ventured

8-To pack

12-Grassy field

14-To shut in

16-Exist

17-A great Nile dam

19-Smoke-pipe

20-To remove

23-Having four leaves

25-To the sheet

28-A lime

29-A compass point (abbr.)

31-Beyond

33-Capable of being adapted

34-On a higher place

35-A noisy blow

37-Conjunction

38-The act of ruining

41-Each (abbr.)

42-A kitchen utensil

43-A color

45-A vegetable

47-Remain

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

60-Tropical fruit (pl.)

63-Restrain

65-Turning like a wheel

67-Destiny

68-Knelt out of sight

69-Name

71-Paradise

82-Bustaine

83-Monkeys

85-Vertical

1-Imputious ruffian

5-French for "the"

3-A woman's dress

5-Wall

8-Perfection

6-Having actual existence

7-A type measure

9-To intertwine

10-Crude metal

11-Having physical health

13-Spoiled

15-To pound

18-Snare

19-Expression of disapproval

47-Remain

VERTICAL (Cont.)

21-Comrade

22-Pertaining to the last continent

Atlantis

24-A word formed by transposing the letters of a different word

26-Smoothed with the back

27-Tell

30-To utter, as words

32-A product of coal

34-Make a practice of

35-Incompetent

40-Devotional prayer

42-Wall-brad

44-To leave suddenly

46-To obtruct

48-Capable

51-One of the continents

52-Stalne

54-Pole

56-A roe (Scot.)

58-Personal pronoun

59-A physician's title (abbr.)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

Lord Joicey, in making a plea for rigid economy and thrift, in order to improve Britain's industrial position, says that the coal industry cannot die, and he does not despair

THE SHADOW OF HIS FORMER SELF.



Climatic conditions in the Far East at this time of year are trying to everybody—and especially to those born and bred in more temperate zones. The humidity and heat depress and debilitate more and more the longer one lives "East of Suez," and once a man—or woman—really breaks down, entire recovery is almost impossible without a sea voyage and a prolonged rest and convalescence in the Home-country.

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THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.

House of Lords Reform.

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The United Kingdom imports from Russia injure were valued at £862,604.

General A. C. Dalton, president of the Merchant Fleet Corporation, is about to make a tour of inspection of the Gulf ports.

Three hundred men who have been out of work through bad trade at Markham No. 2 Colliery of the Staveley Company (Derbyshire) have restarted. The double shift is also being re-established.

Mr. John Blair, of Sunderland, whose death has occurred at the age of 92, held an appointment at the Turkish Arsenal at Constantinople for many years, where he helped to teach the Turks to make guns.

The Grimsby trawler Robina reported picking up two mines in her trawl sixty miles off Spurn Head. This is the fourth mine picked up in about the same position in three weeks.

A Berlin message states that in explanation of the placing of orders for two ships by the Hamburg-South America Line with the Kookum shipyard of Malmö, the Norwegian yard is granting a credit amounting to 40 per cent. of the building price beyond the date of delivery.

Mr. James White's Estate.

Mrs. White, the widow of Mr. James White, the financier, who recently committed suicide, made an application in the Probate Court, London, on July 13, for the administration of her husband's estate. The application was refused by Mr. Justice Hill on the ground that he could not grant an order of administration to the widow unless some other names were joined to hers. Leave to appeal was granted.

A settlement was announced at Leeds Assizes of the action for alleged slander brought by Mr. Frank Hall, an official of the Derbyshire Miners' Association, against Mr. Richard Gascoyne, secretary of the miners' new non-political union.

While Ronald Crist aged 8, and Lawrence Crist, aged 9, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William Crist, of West Street, South, Stifford, Essex, were bathing near Grays, Essex, they fell into deep water and were swept away by the tide.

Charged with stealing a quantity of sample steel from the Orb Works, Newport, Monmouthshire, the property of John Lysaght, Ltd., Edwin Dyke, of Panteg, was ordered to pay 40s. costs at Newport when the case was reheard after the magistrates had previously disagreed.

The motor-car used in the Trowbridge, Wiltshire, raid on a jewellery shop, in which articles worth £500 were stolen, was found abandoned at Ampthill, near Andover, Hampshire.

Suicide while of Unsound Mind was returned at an inquest at Bolinhurst Farm, near Disley, Cheshire, on Dr. Edward Neville Mottram, the young Manchester scientist, who was found drowned in a reservoir.



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INWARD MAIIS.

From	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
Europe Via Suez (letters & papers, London, 4th August & parcels, 28th July).....	Khyber.
Straits.....	Nagpore.
Shanghai	Morea.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 Pres. Grant.

OUTWARD MAIIS.

For	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1	
Parcels for Germany Via Hamburg	Muensterland	3.30 p.m.
Manila	Empress of Asia	3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow	Tai Ming	4.30 p.m.
Tourane	Dorri	5 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	Tonkin	9.30 a.m.
Haiphong, Amoy & Foochow	Hai Hong	Noon

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MECHANICAL ARMY.

Britain's New Forces At Manoeuvres.

MR. CHURCHILL'S INSPECTION.

Whole Brigade In Action On Salisbury Plain.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Winston Churchill arrived by air at Upavon last evening to witness the army manoeuvres on Salisbury Plain. He took the opportunity to inspect the "Saint Raphael," the aeroplane which is to-day attempting the flight to Canada.

This morning, Mr. Churchill inspected the new mechanical force of the British army which was drawn up in long lines and presented a striking appearance. It included tanks, large and small armoured cars, self-propelled guns, dragon tractors with gun waggons, half track lorries and six-wheelers used for the transport of troops. Immediately after the inspection the troops entered on the concluding stage of their fortnight's strenuous training which gave Mr. Churchill an opportunity to see the whole of the mechanical brigade in action.—British Wireless Service.

BOOK OF FRANCE.

TRIBUTE TO THE BRITISH NATION.

FORMAL PRESENTATION.

Paris, Yesterday. The so-called "Golden Book of France" which is a voluminous synthesis of France in the past and present and which is destined for the British Museum was formally presented to Sir A. Chamberlain, en route to Geneva at a ceremonious function attended by eminent Frenchmen, who paid glowing tributes to the Entente Cordiale.

Sir A. Chamberlain responded declaring affection for France and his conviction of the necessity of Franco-British union for world peace.—Reuter.

Later. Sir Austen Chamberlain has left for Geneva for the meeting of the League of Nations council.—Reuter.

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U.S. AND FRANCE.

Material Financial Help Suggested.

BIG LOAN FLOTATION.

To Convert Or Retire Huge Bond Holdings.

New York, Yesterday. It is anticipated in authoritative circles in Washington that when Mr. Mellon returns from Europe the question will be raised of floating a loan in the United States for the purpose of retiring or converting the \$70,000,000 French eight per cent bonds held in the United States. It is believed that the American policy of opposition to French loans until a War Debt Agreement has been reached will be relaxed in order to allow France to effect a great saving interest.

The refunding proposal has enlivened the bond market the French Government 7½ scrip reaching 115½, the highest at which they have ever sold.—Reuter's American Service.

SHARE DEALINGS.

WERE SHARES ACTUALLY PRODUCED?

COUNSEL'S ALLEGATIONS.

The \$33,818.93 shares case at the Supreme Court was continued this morning when Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (for Mr. M. A. Razack, plaintiff) cross-examined Mr. P. N. Cooper (defendant).

Cross-examination particularly centred round the 1,500 Tramway shares (old) and the contracts entered into by defendant in respect of them.

Counsel put it to witness that it was because he knew the June settlement day was postponed that he wrote repudiating instructions which he had given to plaintiff the previous Saturday.

This witness denied and said at the time he wrote the letter he was unaware that the settlement had been postponed. It was not until witness went out in an endeavour to fulfil his contract that he heard of the postponement of the settlement.

Witness denied that on Monday the 22nd he went to Mr. Razack's office and told Mr. R. A. Razack that because the settlement was postponed he would not take the shares. The evidence of Mr. Ho on this point was incorrect.

Witness was further examined as to the rate which he asked a broker to get the shares for him.

In reply to further questions witness admitted that he had not the shares on the previous Saturday although at that time the settlement day was fixed for the following Tuesday. In fact, he had not had the actual shares at all.

"A Lie."

Witness was then closely questioned by counsel as to statements made in his solicitor's letter that he (defendant) had actually produced and offered the shares to the plaintiff and that the plaintiff had refused to take them up.

"That statement is a lie," stated counsel.

"What do you mean by a lie?" asked witness.

Counsel: "Something entirely and knowingly untrue."

Witness explained that it might be due to a misunderstanding as to the meaning of the word "produce." The shares might be lying in the bank, as they were in this case, and plaintiff still be in a position to "produce" them—metaphorically speaking.

Witness later admitted that his solicitors might have made a mistake.

Counsel then drew witness's attention to further statements along the same lines made in witness's own affidavit and in his statement of defence, the expression used in each case being that he actually produced the shares and plaintiff refused to take them.

Witness explained that it was not necessary to have the shares there for them to be tendered. It was a process well known on the stock exchange and was known as "accommodating."

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BRITAIN'S FISH.

Foreign Trawler Competition.

ANALYSIS OF SUPPLIES.

Where Outside Consignments Come From?

London, Yesterday.

The competition of foreign trawlers with British fishermen is the subject of a report by the Economic Committee on fish. The report gives an analysis of British fish supplies which shows that their total value in 1926 was £30,000,000 sterling. Of this sum £19,250,000 represented British captures and £3,000,000 worth came from the Empire, leaving £7,750,000 as the value of foreign supplies. The latter came chiefly from Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Iceland.—British Naval Wireless.

DOSING AGAIN.

THREE OIL LIGHTERS DETAINED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

August 31.

Steamers on the Hong Kong-Wuchow run note that three large oil-lighters belonging to the Standard Oil Co., along with two tugs, have been detained at Dosing by the authorities there since the 27th instant. They were convoyed up-river by the U. S. S. "Pampanga." The "Pampanga" left Wuchow downward bound on the 29th at 8 p.m., but the lighters and tugs were still in Dosing on the 30th instant.

No vessels under the British flag have stopped at Dosing bound up or down since the "Taiming" incident.

IN THE NEWS.

ITEMS FROM TO-DAY'S POLICE REPORT.

An unemployed seaman named John Macdonald was this morning produced before Mr. R. E. Lindell charged that he was found in the Colony without employment or visible means of support. He was sent to the House of Detention pending Government arrangements for his repatriation.

Mr. Inman Wong has reported to the police that about 6.20 p.m. yesterday, he was driving motor car to his home in Kowloon Tong, when a Chinese suddenly ran across the front of the car in Canton Road. The man was knocked down, but did not suffer serious injuries, and refused to go to the hospital.

Money and jewellery worth \$136 were stolen from the first floor of No. 138 Laihikok Road last night.

A workman employed at the Kowloon Dock was yesterday removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from a crushed hand as the result of it being caught in the cog wheels of a milling machinery at the dockyard.

No. 44 Hoklohung, Kowloon City, a one-storey house, collapsed at 5.10 this morning. A Chinese woman was buried underneath the debris, but was later dug up alive and removed to the Kowloon Hospital. She was injured about the head and body.

FORDS IN CANTON.

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